



Board Meeting Agenda

January 23, 2009 – 7:30 AM- 8:15 AM

Chief Justice's Office ~ 1st Floor, Supreme Court

Attendees:

Tom Trenbeath, Pam Schafer, Gordon Christensen, Chief Justice VandeWalle, Nancy Walz, Chuck Placek, Lisa Feldner, Sue Davenport (scribe)

- Approve minutes
 - All approve, Minutes approved.
- SB 2041 – CJIS Board was heard, no action
 - Lisa spoke to Senate Judiciary committee. They did not vote yet. She believes it will be unanimous to pass. They wanted to know where the money was coming from for travel. Pam said our budget would absorb the minimal amount.
- New EA – Support Memo
 - Gordon – handed out a copy of the recommendation. IT has a number of fields within it. This networking enhancement is a large change. The tech work group was asked to look at this technology. They did not find anything wrong with the structure. Some administrative things may make it a bit difficult. The tech group will need some right of way for their towers. They have approached the state and asked for help with these resources. The guarantee of safety is important. The company, FCC and licensing are all guaranteeing this. Bandwidth is very large and able to replace our existing state radio network. This will also save some money. The risk is minimal. There are looking for a letter of support, not a contract or money, at this point. Tom asked if are they should be looking for a letter of support to from the Governor. Gordon said they went there first then approached this technical group. The risks would be taken on by the New EA, not the state. The NEW EA is looking for us to guarantee the right of way and to say we have parties of interest in this plan. We haven't got final comments back from all agencies so far.

They are looking for additional feedback or support for this draft. Chief noted the technology may be there but asked what the financial structure for these people is. Lots of questions. Are they able to do it? Where do they get the bandwidth from? Will we be granting them a monopoly? Initially this was put up for bid and no one bid on it. Their business background includes Rich Karlgaard from Fortune 500 magazine, Shafer may have money in it, Greg Rhoday, Noreen from Info Space, and Bill Owens. We don't know how it is capitalized. Chuck described the opinions from the Executive Committee meeting. If ND would have developed a plan, it would have passed through FCC. The majority of Executive Committee members concerned with the \$100 charge. Now they are getting it at a about \$39/car. They would support the overall idea as long as this is only to see if this would work. Lisa said the plan includes selling a portion to the general public. Chief asked if was in a position to agree to the building of it and still have an option to opt out when they give a price, if we don't see a benefit. Gordon explained we would still have that option. It would need to go through regular procurement. Tom asked what does this mean to CJIS? Gordon stated it would greatly enhance ability to collect and share info by individuals around the state. Remote users would definitely benefit. This has the potential to exponentially enhancing our position. We could provide the right information at the right time. Currently, information gets delayed if an officer has to wait to get back to the office to enter information. Chuck agreed. People in the field could also pull down data such as photos and live video. Live video streaming would be great. The push and pull allowed would create a tremendous pipe. We could put webcam in the car. Chief and Tom would like to ask the legislature to look for a resolution, not a bill. Lisa believes there should be a study look at the issue in entirety. A study would take 2 years. These guys are

looking for support soon. We have the ability to act more quickly than most states. Lisa explained they are not asking we commit to anything more than the \$100/use up front. If they deploy in 9 months, and users pay \$100/car, there is no additional cost. Discussion about hardware compatibility was held. There could be hardware technology issues to convert over to this. Cass and Clay Counties were going to stay with the current setup. We may have to operate parallel systems at first. Voice over IP would be supported but not the devices.

- Chief doesn't mind signing the MOU. We are not signing the actual draft memorandum. We are only signing this recommendation. We will still recommend they seek some kind of legislative awareness. Lisa said the House already knows. Skarphol announced it on the floor and he is in support of this. Chief moves to approve the signing of the recommendation by the Board. Tom seconds, motion approved. The Board signed the recommendation.

➤ Next Meeting is February 19, 2009 at 1:00 P.M.